

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 8 Previously canceled.

9. (Presently thrice amended) A method for accessing ~~distributing~~ a message in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object ~~the video stream~~ by a plurality of set top receivers ~~the first conditional access receiver~~;

~~receiving first authorization with the first conditional access receiver~~;

performing a first determination to test if a first set top ~~the first conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if a ~~the second~~ set top ~~conditional access~~ receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

blocking access to the separately received content object by receipt of the message with the first set top conditional access receiver as a function of based, at least in part, upon the determining if the first set top conditional access receiver is authorized; and

blocking access to the separately received content object by receiving the message with the second set top conditional access receiver as a function of based at least in part, upon the determining if the second set top conditional access receiver is authorized.

10. (Presently Amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a ~~the~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the blocking access to the separately

~~received content object~~ receipt of the message comprises ignoring a portion of a datastream associated with the separately received content object message.

11. (Presently Cancelled)

12. (Presently Amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in a the conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object message comprises a software program.

13. (Presently Cancelled)

14 – 26. Previously canceled

27. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video content

28. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a audio content.

29. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.